E CLEARING AWAY THE

For Every Article You Buy, You Save Nearly as Much as You Spend!

LADIES' HOSIERY From the Benson Stock

All the high class hosiery, in lace boot effects, fine lisle thread -silk embroidered, all over lace, etc-blacks, tans and fancies -some garter tops-all full fashioned and many with double soles-nearly all are imported hose -worth as high as 75c a pair-

LADIES' KID GLOVES From the Benson

All the ladies' fine spring gloves—a recent shipment to the Benson stock for spring selling-all well known brands, including Perrin's street and dress shades-worth as high as \$3.00 a pair

ADIES' WAISTS From the Benson Stock

A splendid line of spring and summer waists from the Mrs. Benson stock, choice new patterns and wash materials, all the new style features, worth up as high as \$2.00 and \$2.50at, each.....

All the very highest class and elaborate waists, selected for a particular trade, -fancy Swisses, dainty linens, beautiful silkswould regularly sell up to \$5.00-

INFANT'S WEAR AT

Infant's long and short waists, long and short skirts-infant's wrappers, children's gowns, children's long and short flannel skirts, Mrs. Benson sold them at \$1 eachyour choice at-each The infant's dresses from Mrs. Benson's stock, in long slips, pretty underskirts, embroidered and flannel jack ets, little slik dresses, etc-Mrs. Benson's prices were \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.50-

in one big lot-at

Sale of Mussed Underwear

From Benson Stock-in Basement.

The thousands of people who have visited our muslin underwear sales during the past few weeks have disarranged the stock until we have an immense amount of undermuslins that are more or less mussed and solled-Saturday we offer these in the basement very specially priced-All the undermuslins All the muslin underwear that Mrs. Benson sold at \$1.00-All the muslin underwear that sold at \$1.50-69c All the muslin underwear that sold at \$2.00 and \$2.50-Muslin Underwear-All the fresh muslin underwear from the Benson stock on great bargain table priced for quick selling. The undermuslins that Mrs. PA The undermuslins t

Benson sold at \$1.50 and 98c

and enjoyed, militate against certain con-CHARTER AND SCHOOL BOARD

Effort to Adjust the Pending Bill to Quiet Apprehensions.

CITY ATTORNEY THINKS IT WILL PASS

Some Needed Amendments Will Be Made and the Bill Will Cover the Points Raised by the Board of Education.

becoming a law, with a number of explana tory alterations made for the benefit of the terests of the district would be fully protected without changing the draft, but is clauses to make clearer the manner in which school taxes shall be levied and collected and making it so clear that he who runs may read that when the county treascity he becomes treasurer ex-officio of the school district as well. Another meeting will be held tonight or Saturday and the amendments put in proper form and then sent to Lincoln.

What the Board Wants.

At the city hall the trend of talk is against the charter bill, for it would abolish from B to Twentieth, 15 cents; Emmet, 1893

Why Endure Pain

For dyspepsia, indigestion, contipation, biliousness, catarrh of the stomach and kindred aliments it is the greatest remedy that has ever yet benefited mankind.

almost certain consequence of Piles.

CORSETS **UMBRELLAS**

From the BENSON STOCK

Hundreds of the very finest corsets from the Benson stock-almost all of them of the most popular brandsmade of high grade French coutil and batiste-the P. D., J. B., Nemo self reducing, Royal Worcester, W. C. C. Thompson Glove Fitting Corset, etc .all lengths, almost every size, regularly priced up to \$3.00 each, at-

69c, 98c, \$1.50

From the BENSON STOCK

The very highest grades of new up-to date spring neckwear from the Ben-son stock, in lace and silk embroidered turn over collars, fine jabeaux stocks with tabs and all silk string ties -hundreds of the latest and prettiest

IUc, 15c and 25c

Silk' Umbrellas from the great purchase— all Sterling silver mounted handles, natu-ral wood sticks, high grade silk—um-brellas that are worth up to \$2.50 each, at 69c, 98c, \$1.50, \$1.98 HANDKERCHIEFS

Knit Underwear

All the ladies' knit underwear of French liste thread, all silk, etc.—all sizes—fine

collars go at- 79c 15c, 25c, 35c and 69c

25c, Your choice..... All Mrs. Benson's Wrist Bags that sold | All Mrs. Benson's Sterling Silver Walst

gold plate, over fifty styles to select from, that sold at

Silver Stick Pins that sold

at 50e and 75c.

for 25c. Your choice

Your choice.....

Your choice.....

Pins that sold for 25c.

from \$2.00 to \$10.00, \$1 to \$5 Sets that sold for 50c. Your choice......25c All the Patent Leather Belts with double All the ladies' and gentlemen's Sterling

JEWELRY NOVELTIES from Mrs. Benson's stock

All Mrs. Benson Shirt Waist Jewelry in pearl and fancy stones,

All the heavy Sterling Silver Link But-All Mrs. Benson's real tortoise shell Side tons for ladies and gentlemen that sold and Back Combs that sold at \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 and 50c to \$1

buckles in red, blue and white and

All Mrs. Benson's Sterling Silver Hat All Mrs. Benson's genuine Goat Skin Peggy Bags that sold up to

sold at 25c.

All Mrs. Benson's Golf Hat Pins, two in All Mrs. Benson's Fancy Combs that Your choice......10c

A SPECIAL SALE OF LADIES' SPRING SUITS



A silk shirt waist suit for Saturday—in the smart tailor pleated waists and pleated gored skirts in plain and fancy taffetas, made in the very latest and most popular style—

A SILK JACKET SUIT AT \$12.50

The jacket is made in the nobby all round blouse coat style, tailor pleated and trimmed-with the new spring style sleeves -fancy pleated skirts-made in browns, navys and reds, a regular \$17.50 value, Saturday at ..

Ladies' Stunning Spring Tailor Made Suits The ultra stylish new cloth suits are here-in the very charming and novel ideas for spring. - We mention a specially good value, latest styles, cloths and colors, at..... A stunning idea, made in the most fashionable style for spring,

Ladies' Covert Jackets-An wand spe- | Ladies' Walking Skirts-Mohair, sergcial lot of these very styli , erfectly es, panamas, canvas cloths cheviots tailored short coats—the po u er spring etc.—pleated and flounced, including garments—new sleeves, stituned straps, the popular new browns,

Ladies' Beautiful Spring Waists

Biggest and most at tractive selection of new Jap silk, taffeta,
crepe de chine, laces, mulls, Persians lawns, 2.98 to \$15

linens, in both pleated and hand embroidered, etc. 2.98

Saturday is Bargain Day in Children's Wear Children's Dept. Second Floor

New line of little misses' and juniors' two piece jacket suits, Russian blouses, Peter Thompkins, etc., in nobby c heck materials, new co-

Children's Little School Jackets-Pleated Peter 1.50 to 9.98



NOTIONS from the Benson Stock

In the Basement.

Spool Embroidery Silk — all Cabinet Hair Pins, 11 in 31 c olors, go at, per dozen..... Corset Clasps-Hooks and Eyes—two at cards, 4 dozen IC Stocking Darners, the Dress Stays, 11 in a set, 10c kind, at worth 15c, at 2C Quillbone - all colors, three Feather stitch Braid, 4 32c yards, at..... yards in box, at, box

All Mrs. Benson's Stationery, paper and envelopes to match, no matter what the former price-at, per box.....

Turkish Towels for Saturday

A manufacturer's stock of Bleached and Unbleached Turkish Towels-at one-half the price you usually pay for them.

10e Towels for, 30c Towels for 20c Towels for 40c Towels for, 10c 19c

All on Big Bargain Square in Basement

After having been conferred with by Members McCague, Detweller and Baird, constituting a special committee of the Board of Education, City Attorney Breen expresses the opinion that the Omaha charter bill still has excellent chances of be saved. apply only on taxes and not on revenue derived from liquor and other licenses and school district. Mr. Breen thinks the inwilling to concede the introduction of becomes treasurer ex-officio of the

"The school board committee is not in-

itching piles, when there is an absolute cure? Dr. Perrin's Pile Specific is an internal remedy that painlessly produces a positive and lasting cure. Pleasant to the taste, it is absolutely free from opium, cocaine or other injurious druga. Simply take a spoonful three times daily before each meal.

Dr. Perrin's Pile Specific

The Internal Remedy

CAIRO. Ill., March M.—During the storm last night the steamer Sadie Lee grounded on a bar just below Wickliffe, Ky. The passengers and freight were taken off by steamers which came to the assistance of the stranded vessel. It is expected that the rise in the next few days will float the boat. Think what a relief it would be to you to be rid of these troubles and to avoid the Dr. Perrin Medical Co., Helena, Mont.

tractors maintaining uninterrupted possession of the "inside track," besides assuring paving and other public improvements and desirable things and increasing the salaries of councilmen and others. But the advance in wages is cared for by another bill, introduced in the senate by Senator Thomas, so the charter bill may be charged upon with impunity. Two Payments of Taxes.

"The amendment proposed by me to consolidate tax payments into one yearly will not go in," said Mr. Breen. "The per cent paid by the city and school district to the county for collection of taxes will be 1 per cent instead of one-half of 1 per cent, as originally proposed. This will mean the payment of approximately \$10,000 annually, whereas it costs us from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year to maintain the city The per cent commission will

sources other than taxes. "Even with the increased commission the consolidation seems dearrable from an economical standpoint."

LOW BIDS ON LOCAL GRADING Advantageous Prices Offered City by Contractors for Work Ordered on Eight Streets.

What City Engineer Ecsewater says some of the lowest bids ever received by the city for grading work were opened by the Board of Publis Works yesterday for sisting that the charter not pass," says contracts on eight streets. Although the the city attorney. "It merely wants the awards were not made from the prices subway in which it is to get its taxes made mitted, the Owen-Lovelace Contracting so plain that no litigation or difficulty will company and Phelan & Shirley will divide be experienced. Although, as The Bee the work. The latter firm captured the two has pointed out, there is no necessity for biggest jobs, those on Jones street from doing this, still there is no particular ob- Thirty-eighth to Fortieth and on Thirtyjection to it, and I have assented. When third from California to Chicago, at 13 cents amended as the school board wants it, I and 12 cents a yard, respectively. There think the charter bill will be passed by the were three other bids. The rest of the work legislature. despite the alarming reports will go to the Owen-Lovelace company at continually circulated in Omaha by ene- these prices; Corby, from Thirtieth to mies of the measure that the bill is as Thirty-third, 13% cents; Marcy, from Thir- 1891 tieth to Thirty-first, 151/2 cents; Nineteenth, from Bancroft to Elm, 16 cents; Ontario, a number of pleasant berths now occupied from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-seventh, 16 1894. cents; Miami, from Twenty-second to Twenty-fourth, 16 cents.

"The prices obtained mean that abutting 1896 property owners will be taxed very little for the improvements, as the city pays hair 1897 out of the general fund," said the city engi- 1898 neor. No awards were made because a quorum of the board was not present. Unsuccessful hidders were the F. C. Jackson 1900 Grading company and Dan Hannon.

The newest, best and only rational cure indigestion and dyspepsia is DINER'S DIGESTERS taken before meals. At Myers-Dillon Drug Co.

Silver Company Assigns. PROVIDENCE, R. L. March 24.-The Bixby Silver company assigned today for the benefit of creditors. The firm was incorporated in 1894 with a capital stock of River Steamer Aground.

County Clerk's Office a Costly Luxury for

Douglas Taxpayers.

GAP THROUGH WHICH MONEY GOES FAST Annual Income Decreases Steadily and Annual Outgo Increases

in Ratio that is Most Astonishingly Great. A review of the receipts and expenditures

and the deficits in the office of the county treasurer's office now. The difference will years will prove interesting at this time. It seems to be one of those offices which Douglas county keeps on its list largely because of its ornamental, perhaps metro-

Year. County Clerk.

P. O'Malley..... \$ 3,772.60

P. O'Malley...... 3,635.80

Fred J. Sackett....

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M. H. Redfield.....

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D. M. Haverly.....

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Harry Miller & J. C. Drexel

J. C. Drexel

J. C. Drexel....

Average per year during term of

Fred J. Sackett.....

Mel H. Redfield.....

D. M. Haverly.....

John C. Drexel.....

Totals \$41,297.57

Average per year for 15 years.... 2,733.17

P. O'Malley 3,704.20

BIG LEAK IN TREASURY DYKE to the patient public treasury, from which ond year Mr. Redfield made a better show- be noted. Last year Mr. Drexel bettered it gets its sustenance, in the finality.

Growth of the Deficit. It will be noted that in 1890, the first year for which figures are given, County Clerk O'Malley took in fees to the amount of \$3,772.60. His salary list mounted up to \$11,044.30, and, allowing for \$400 which the county board has been giving every year, and which is facetiously counted as fees, there was a deficit-a wide hiatus between ncome and outgo-of \$6,871.70. In Mr. O'Malley's second year the fees collected fell to \$3,635.90. The salaries were fattened so they footed \$12,226, and the consequent deficit which was made up from the reveues of the coupty amounted to \$8,190.20. Following Mr. O'Malley, an old line demorat, came Fred J. Sackett, a republican. Mr.

clerk of Douglas county for the last fifteen Sackett was county clerk during 1892-3-4-5. The first year of his term the fees increased something like \$200, though not quite that present clerk, Mr. Drexel, fell on almost much. He reduced the expense of the office as dull days, with regard to fees, as did over \$2,000 and the deficit fell accordingly. Mr. Haverly. The first year following the politan, character. Like the coachman of In his second, third and fourth years—good a fashionable menage, it is an accourrement old democratic times—the receipts fell off largely of appearance rather than of neces- and the expenses rose very substantially. sity or utility. But while the coachman There were numerous hungry hustlers to be sleeps in the barn and is modest in making cared for in those tough years, apparently, his appearance only when summoned, the so that when Sackett laid down the cares clerk's office has been embalmed among of office the yearly deficit reached \$10,120.65. the fixtures of county housekeeping and is M. H. Redfield, another republican, fol- a draw of \$12,568.60, the heaviest deficit in with us all the year around, so far as the lowed Mr. Sackett. The fees during his the list. The fees were discouragingly "draw" is concerned. By any other name first year in office fell to the lowest point small; but the salary list was a more roit would be as dear, perhaps, but with its they had yet erached, \$2,579.50. He cut the bust quantity, having grown to the limit

Receipts-

Allowance

by County

Board Re-

ported as

Fees.

\$ 400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

\$6,000.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

400.00

Total

Receipts.

\$ 4,172.60

4,035.80

4,226.78

4,140.30

3,218.65

3,362.75

2,979.80

4,269.28

2,441.07

2,739.55

2,606.93

1,948.60

2,360.81

2,316.40

2,478.25

\$47,297.57

3,153.17

4,104.20

3,737.12

3,624.54

2,434.04

2,385.15

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR

3,826.78

3,740.30

2,818.65

2,962.75

2,579.80

3,869.28

2,041.07

2,339.55

2,206.93

1,548.60

1,960.81

1,916.40

2,078.25

3,337.12

3,224.54

managed to reduce the deficit to prac- is still worth \$13,244 of county cash. tically what it was in O'Malley's first term. Good Times Increases Cost.

D. M. Haverly was clerk during the four years when the country, and all of Nebraska with it, was catching its breath had an average deficit higher than either after the fierce run for salvation it had of these, Haverly raised him nearly \$3,000 got at the hands of the Chicago platform on an average, and Drexel boosted that men. During his tenure the fees dropped as low as \$1,548.60, while the salary list rose to what everybody supposed was about the limit for an office that had lost its specific usefulness. During his four years administration the office of county clerk cost the taxpayers \$45,277.80.

This, one would think, should be the limit set for patience and forebearance, but Harry Miller and his successor, the latter's term the deficit threatened to fall

away, being almost \$200 less than the year previous. This threat of surcease from heavy treasury drafts was but a will-o' the-wisp, to keep people in passable good humor, while the drain got a fresh start, Mr. Drexel's first balance sheet called for growth in age, like a fashionable young salary figure down about \$3,000, though, so far reached, \$15,885. The deficit in 1903 sient applicants for food. That fact lost lady, it has been steadily becoming dearer and the deficit fell to \$7,149.39, In his sec- was also the greatest yet recorded, as will the grocery contract for 1905 to Hayden

——Expenditures—

Salaries.

\$ 11,044.30

12,226.00

10,205.00

11,355.64

13,143.00

13,483.40

10,129.19

11,141.21

12,723.33

14,117.00

13,476.22

14,497.40

14,725.00

15,885.00

15,722.25

\$193,873.94

12,924.93

11,635.15

12,046.76

10,635.20

13,703.49

15,444.08

with War-

\$ 6,871.70

9,924.35

10,120.65

7,149.39

11,377.45

10,869.29

12,364.19

13,568.60

13,244.00

\$146,576.37

rants by

County

Board.

ing as to fees, but he increased his salary his fee column and slightly cut his salary expenses something over \$1,000. Still he draw, but the difference between the two

Average Record of Deficit. A glance at the figures will show that O'Malley's average deficit was over \$500 greater than Redfield's average. Sackett mark almost \$1,800. The two high men, so far as expense is concerned, have been the

two low men on the income side. Altogether, the county clerk's office has gone steadily backward in hope of financial help to the county treasury and has as steadily advanced in the scale of fatness for the office holders who have place on its salary list,

BEANS DECIDE ONE CONTRACT

Hayden Brothers Lose Because Paxton & Gallagher Beat Them on Staple Price.

Beans are a staple article on the bill of fare of the county poor farm and hospital. They are also popular as "fillin's" with the folks who get the ingredients for their meals from the county store. Over 22,000 pounds of them were consumed in 1904 by the county wards and the tran-Bros. and gained it for Paxton & Galla-On the face of the bids submitted last December for supplying the county PAST FIFTEEN YEARS

with groceries Hayden Bros. had the against quantities used the previous year showed that the fraction of a cent differ-Paxton & Gallagher bid \$74 lower, and they got the contract, Since the matter of contracts and specifications has come to the front, Chairman Kennard of the county board has ex-

pressed himself as in favor of inaugurating a system, as soon as possible, of buying needed supplies every sixty or ninety days, 8,190.20 and if it can be done for cash, so much 5,978.22 the better. The difficulty that threatens to interfere with an early inauguration of such a scheme is that the county is always far behind in its payments. It, is slowly gaining, though, and the present hopes that it may catch up with the warrants due within a year or two. As the matter stands, the commissioners 6,871.93 say, many firms will not deal with the 10,282.26 county. They do not want county business or county warrants, because the county is not on a cash basis.

FORGERY AGAINST LAHATT 12,548.80

> New Charge Filed Against the Man Who Was Working Merchants for Advertisements.

Forgery is the charge preferred by the country attorney against C. O. LaHatt, the Atlanta (Ga.) man who is accused of swindling Omaha merchants by an advertising scheme. LaHatt did his business under the assumed name of C. L. Charles and used the name of Charles in endorsing checks issued by business men in return for his advertisements.

He was arraigned in police court Friday and preliminary hearing will be given Saturday evening at the Ancient Order of United Workmen temple the allied printing trades council will give a smoker. There will be music, cigars and lunch for all, besides a general good time. The following list of speakers is announced: W. J. Bryan, Congressman G. M. Hitchcock, Edward Rosewater, C. S. Traphagen, W. M. Maurin, Samuel Rees, W. M. McBride, R. L. Metchife, Arthur Fickering, Bert Bush, K. S. Fisher, Edward Birch, J. B. Fladenberg, James White, W. C. Boyer and J. T. Harte, Forgery is the charge preferred by the

BRANCH 'PHONE EXCHANGE

Nebraska Telephone Company to Build at Thirty-Third and Harney.

Expansion Forced by Extraordinary, Growth of the Telephone Busi-

PLANS DECIDED ON--WORK SOON TO BEGIN

ness in Omaha in Last Year or Two.

The Nebraska Telephone company has finally decided to put up a west station to accommodate its growing business. The new exchange will be on lots purchased by the company several years ago at the southwest corner of Thirty-third and Harney streets. The plans are being made in the east and will be received in a short time here subject to alterations as may be necessary to adjust them to the Omaha situation. Work will be begun at an early date.

The unexpected growth of the telephone business in this city some months ago set the telephone people to making plans for expansion. Since last September about 2,500 new telephones have been put in and there are hundreds ordered and not yet put in. Two hundred and fifty men are working on the lines, whereas formerly sixty or seventy-five linemen were all that were needed. The company had charts made of the present service and future possibilities with a view to ascertaining whether the plant lowest bid. But a tabulation of figures could be more economically and satisfactorily conducted by enlarging the capacity of the main building by putting in subence on the quotation for beans made the stations. A great deal of time was needed to finish these charts and make deductions from them, and the eastern offices have but lately decided in favor of putting up &

western exchange. More Branches Coming. A northern building in the vicinity of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets and a southern exchange also were considered but it has been decided not to build them until the business of the company grows

larger than it is at present. The new western exchange will probably be two stories high. The trunk cable from the main exchange to the western exchange will run out Harney street in the conduit already laid, but additional conduits will be necessary leading out of the new exchange, When the new building is in commission there will be no more telephone numbers without prefixes. The instruments now designated by four figures will have "main" or "west" prefixed to them. No number, however will have two prefixes. "Red." black," "cedar," "ash" and such present designations will continue in use as they are now. New designations will be used

for new 'phones at the western exchange. Allied Printing Trades' Smoker.